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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Reminders from the Office of State Aid and School Finance

The Department would like to take this opportunity to issue four (4) brief reminders as follow:

The **Pupil Membership Count Day** for the 2011-12 School Year is **Wednesday, October 5, 2011**. The School Aid Act has been amended to establish the first Wednesday in October as the Pupil Membership Count Day. An alternate Pupil Membership Count Day can only be used if school is closed on October 5, 2011, for reasons beyond the control of school authorities and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction grants a waiver.

The pupil count from Wednesday, October 5, 2011, will be "blended" with the count from February 9, 2011, to establish the pupil count used for State School Aid calculations. **The blend has been changed from 75% October count, 25% February count to 90% October count, 10% February count.**

For the 2011-12 school year, **districts are required to be in session a minimum of 165 days or the number provided in 2009-10, whichever is greater.** For additional information on Count Day visit:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2011-2012_and_2012-2013_Student_Count_Day_Information_362677_7.pdf

The **MDE Guidance for Budget and Salary/Compensation Transparency Reporting** has been revised to include guidance for posting a link to the "MI School Data" portal. This information may be used by districts wishing to meet the Best Financial Practice incentive "dashboard" requirement (MCL 388.1622f(1)(e)). The URL for the guidance is available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Budget_Transparency_Reporting_327912_7.pdf

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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